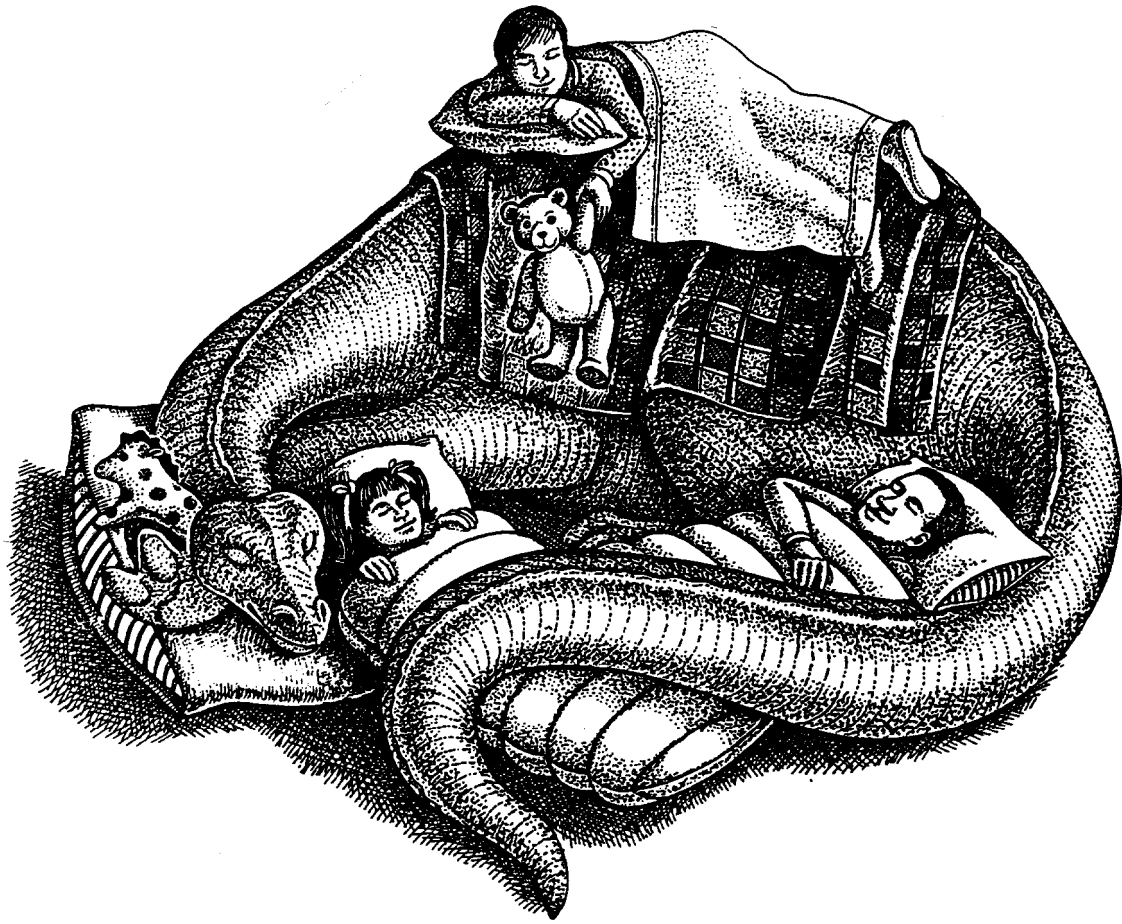


2010  
Safari Overnight\*



AT THE  
Academy of Natural Sciences

## **TRIP COORDINATORS' CHECK LIST**

While planning your Safari Overnight trip to The Academy of Natural Sciences, please use this informational checklist and keep it handy throughout the night!

Thanks for visiting and we hope you have a wonderful time!

### **AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR OVERNIGHT DATE**

**Review our Cancellation Policy**

**If YOU Cancel:** A deposit of \$10 per person is due upon registration. Final payments must be submitted at least 30 days prior to your overnight date; the Academy reserves the right to cancel any reservations without refund if they are not paid in full by the payment due date. Any cancellations made more than 30 days before the date will be refunded in full. Partial or full cancellations made 7-30 days before the overnight will be subject to a \$10/person fee. Cancellations made the week of your event date will not be refunded. Membership information must be returned 30 days before the event; no fee adjustments will be made after that.

**If WE Cancel:** Cancellation of The Academy overnights are subject to enrollment fulfillment. Notification will be made 2 weeks prior to the event. In the event of a cancellation the Academy will try to make arrangements for participants to attend another overnight, if not a full refund will be granted.

**Mail paperwork to The Academy of Natural Sciences** (Reservations that are not paid in full by that date are subject to cancellation)

- Overnight Contract
- Final Payment
- Participants List

If it is necessary to split your party into smaller groups, the overnight coordinator will notify you before your overnight so the logistics can be decided prior to the event. Smaller groups may be combined with other groups to travel around the museum.

- T-Shirt Pre-Order (except Halloween Safari Overnight)
- Gift Bag Order
- Membership Information (if applicable)

Those participants with a valid membership are entitled to the member's discount. Please attach a photocopy of their membership card(s) to the overnight contract.

**We cannot apply member discount after 1-month deadline!**

### **BEFORE YOUR TRIP**

**Copy and distribute information to your parents and chaperones**

- "Information for Parents and Chaperones" sheets
- Travel directions/parking options.
- Permission slip

Children attending the overnight without their parents or guardians must bring a completed and signed permission slip. Each form can be used for up to three children from one family however each individual child's medical information needs to be provided. Permission slips should be kept with the trip leader.

**Inform the Academy of any special needs or allergies in your group**

**A first-aid kit is recommended**

We also recommend a person certified in First Aid. The Academy of Natural Sciences cannot provide any type of medical aid. In an emergency, the 911 emergency squad will be called and the injured person will be transported to the nearest hospital. Permission slips double as a medical release form.

## DAY OF THE OVERNIGHT

- Please eat dinner before you arrive.**  
The Academy does not provide dinner, and **your group is NOT permitted to bring food into the Academy due to potentially severe allergic reactions.** Around 9:00 pm, all participants will receive a light evening snack. Coffee, tea, and water will be available in the Commons throughout the night.
- Arrive between 6:15 pm and 6:45 pm as a group.**  
Doors will open by 6:30 and programming begins at 7:00 pm. All participants must enter using the main entrance, the door that faces Logan Circle on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway. If you are driving to the Academy, you may drop off your passengers and gear on 19th Street (it is illegal to stop on the parkway) and then park your vehicle.
- Have one adult check your group in upon arrival.**  
At check-in you will receive a packet containing maps and program schedules for each chaperone. Notify the Overnight managers if there have been any changes to your original participant list. The Academy will also provide color-coded identification for children.
- Collect permission slips from children without parents present. Keep these with you in case of an emergency.**
- Assign each child a chaperone**  
Each child must be assigned a chaperone who is then responsible for his/her behavior during the safari (max 3 children per chaperone). The overnight staff reserves the right to ask any child who has been warned more than three times for unruly behavior to leave the building. All adults must remain with their groups throughout the night.
- Set up sleeping areas at the end of the evening.**  
Leave at least a three foot aisle in the middle and keep fire exits and extinguishers clear for emergencies. Children must be escorted by an adult when walking around at night.

## THE MORNING AFTER THE OVERNIGHT

- Breakfast will be served in the Commons Room at 7 AM.** After breakfast, your group has free time to explore the museum and visit the gift shop
- Send **one person** to pick up your group's grab bags from the Gift Shop, and participation patches from the 19<sup>th</sup> Street desk and distribute these to your group.
- At 9:00 AM, the Safari Overnight officially ends and all gear must be removed.**  
Please depart by the 19th Street exit. Buses should pick up groups on 19<sup>th</sup> Street. If you arrived by car, you may get your car and return to the Academy to retrieve the rest of your passengers and gear. All groups need to have one adult remain until the last child from your group has been collected.
- Keep your wristbands!**  
Children with wristbands identify you as Safari Overnight participants and give you access to the museum all day! The museum officially opens to the public at 10:00 AM. You are welcome to extend your visit to the museum as long as all gear has been removed from the building by 9:00 AM.

If you have a billing or booking question contact the Registrars' Office at (215) 299-1060. If you have programming or dietary questions call (215) 405-1556, or email [morici@ansp.org](mailto:morici@ansp.org).

## **WHAT TO BRING**

- ★ Children who are attending without their parent or guardian must provide the trip leader with a permission slip containing pertinent medical information.
- ★ A reusable water bottle labeled with your name.
- ★ Toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, and soap.
- ★ A sleeping bag or a blanket and a pillow. Unfortunately, the Academy's floors are rather unforgiving, so we strongly recommend that you bring some sort of padding to sleep on in addition to a sleeping bag and pillow. Space is limited so please do not bring oversized items.
- ★ Flashlight (for adults only)
- ★ Comfortable clothing should be worn. Since there may not be an opportunity to change clothes, participants should wear clothes comfortable enough to sleep in. Make sure to dress in layers as the museum's temperature can vary greatly during the night. Shoes (not Heelys) must be kept on until bedtime, and socks worn all night (in case child gets up during the night).
- ★ Short sleeve Safari Overnight T-shirts will be on sale in the morning for \$10. If you would like to pre-order a shirt, please contact your trip coordinator. In the morning, the children may want to visit the Gift Shop for which we recommend \$5-\$10. Please keep all money in a safe place.
- ★ All belongings should be kept in one bag (duffel bag, trash bag, etc.) and have an identifying tag.

## **PLEASE DO NOT BRING**

Shoes with wheels (“Heelys”)  
Valuables such as MP3 Players, Walkman, radios, CD players, etc.  
Food, juice/soda, or gum  
Hairdryers or curling irons